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1. Ikarusz Car Body Works, Budapest.

This factory is engaged in the construction of bus bodies and the assembly of buses. The Pieck car factory of Győr furnishes Ikarusz the steering equipment, and the Csepel Auto factory is furnishing other components. The "Ikarusz 30" (a 30-seater bus) and the "Ikarusz 60" (a 60-seater bus) are both manufactured here. The factory also provides buses for the Hungarian Army.

2. Signals Equipment Factory in Budapest-Mátyásföld

A new war factory was built in 1952 between the local railway line ("HEV") and the Mátyásföld airfield. It is believed to be connected with the Ikarusz factory mentioned above, and with the aircraft repair shops at the Mátyásföld airfield. The works are manufacturing signals equipment, including low-tension instruments, for the Hungarian Army and Air Force. There are about 600 employees, including an unspecified number of women.

3. Tube Production at Izso in Ujpest

One section of the United Incandescent Lamp Factory (Egyesült Lámpa) is producing tubes, for all types of military communications equipment. There is a possibility that other factories have recently been converted for the manufacture of special radio and radar tubes.

4. Restriction on the Purchase of Tubes

No printed price lists are available for radio tubes or components, and although theoretically there are no sales restrictions, it is almost impossible to obtain anything without special authorization. The buyer is normally expected to produce a Party identification card or official pass and the goods are not

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handed over until he has not only given his name and address, but explained the purpose for which the tubes and other parts are required.

5. "Tipus" Radio Set.

The only type of radio available on the open market is the "Tipus" set, but owing to the difficulty of obtaining spare parts (as explained in Par. 4 above), there is often no alternative except to buy a new set if a breakdown occurs.

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